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FOR EAGLEBURGER AND LORD FROM BREMER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S BIRMINGHAM SPEECH

1. THE SECRETARY HAS READ THE BIRMINGHAM DRAFT AND HAS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS. HE WOULD LIKE THE SPEECHWRITERS TO GET TO WORK URGENTLY REDRAFTING THE SPEECH ALONG THE INDICATED LINES.

2. HE WANTS THE SPEECH TO BE MUCH MORE OF A HARD HITTING POSITIVE STATEMENT. IT SHOULD BEGIN BY SAYING THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE NOWADAYS WHO ARE SAYING WHAT IS WRONG WITH AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY--I AM HERE TO TELL YOU WHAT IS RIGHT WITH IT. HE NOTED THAT HE IS ADDRESSING SOUTHERN PATRIOTS. THIS SHOULD BE VERY STRONG AND COVER THE FIRST 15 MINUTES.

3. THEN THE SPEECH SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE PROBLEMS BUT ASSERT THAT THEY ARE BASICALLY DOMESTIC. WE SHOULD STOP BLAMING THE SOVIETS FOR THESE PROBLEMS--WE HAD ALWAYS EXPECTED THEM TO BEHAVE AS THEY ARE (I THINK HE HAS IN MIND PORTUGAL). IF OUR PROBLEMS ARE BASICALLY DOMESTIC, SO ARE THE SOLUTIONS. HE WANTS A RINGING PARAGRAPH ON THE NEED FOR A STRONG DEFENSE; A VIGOROUS DEFENSE OF THE NEED FOR AN INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, AND AN ASSERTION THAT THE NATIONAL DEBATE MUST BE
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UPLIFTED. WE CANNOT INDUCE THE NEEDED DOMESTIC UNITY

IF EVERY NATIONAL LEADER IS CONSTANTLY BEING ATTACKED.

4. HE DOES WANT MATERIAL IN THE SPEECH ON FOOD BUT NOT A FLACCID EXPLANATION OF ITS USE ABROAD--RATHER ITS POTENTIAL AS A USEFUL TOOL SERVING FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. HIS AUDIENCE WILL WANT TO KNOW ABOUT HOW OUR FOOD POLICY PROVIDES THEM ACCESS TO MARKETS ABROAD.

5. GENERALLY, IT MUST BE A MORE VIGOROUS FIBROUS SPEECH WHICH MORE CAREFULLY TAKES INTO ACCOUNT HIS AUDIENCE.

6. THE SECRETARY WANTS WORK BEGUN IMMEDIATELY ON ANOTHER DRAFT.
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